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PLEASE PASS BUTZ PARTY--ATTENTION MISS BLOOM

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VISIT OF SECRETARY BUTZ

1. SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR THE SECRETARY
MEETING WITH HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY OF PRIME MINISTER:

2. THE SHAH HAS LONG BEEN INTERESTED IN WORKING OUT
A LONG-TERM CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS FROM THE UNITED STATES. UNTIL NOW WE HAVE
BEEN UNWILLING TO GO BEYOND AGREEING TO EXCHANGE
DETAILED INFORMATION WITH THE GOI ON MARKET CONDI-
TIONS AND PROSPECTS WHICH WILL ENABLE IT TO MAKE
MORE INFORMED JUDGMENTS ABOUT ITS NEEDS AND THE
POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING THEM FROM THE U.S.
IN THIS CONTEXT THE SHAH OR THE PRIME MINISTER
MAY RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE U.S.-SOVIET WHEAT
DEAL AND INQUIRE WHY SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS CANNOT BE
WORKED OUT BETWEEN IRAN AND THE U.S.

3. THE SHAH OR THE PRIME MINISTER MAY BE INTERESTED
IN HEARING YOUR ACCOUNT OF WHAT IS OCCURRING AT THE
IFAD CONFERENCE AT ROME. AS YOU KNOW IRAN HAS BEEN
RELUCTANT TO MAKE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE ONE
BILLION DOLLAR IFAD GOAL AND HAS BEEN PUSHING FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASSISTANCE FUND FOR
LDC'S WITH CONTRIBUTIONS IN EQUAL PROPORTIONS FROM
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THE OPEC COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IRAN

HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTED THAT THE SUGGESTIONS IT MADE AT THE FAO CONFERENCE LAST DECEMBER DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED UP BY THE WEST.

4. IF THE OPPORTUNITY OCCURS, YOU MIGHT TELL THE SHAH AND/OR THE PRIME MINISTER THAT WE CONSIDER THE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE ONE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT COMMITTEES OF THE IRAN-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION. WE STAND READY TO PROVIDE A WIDE VARIETY OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO ASSIST IRAN IN ITS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS UNDER THE AEGIS OF THIS COMMITTEE. SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ARE NOW BEFORE THE IRANIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND WE HOPE THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED AT AN EARLY DATE.
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